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OF POLLUTION ABATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE"

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1. AS NOTED REF A, EMBASSY PROMPTLY PASSED COPY OF REF
C ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO FRG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
OFFICIALS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS. GERMANS IMMEDIATELY
APPRECIATED IMPORTANCE OF THIS US STUDY AND ITS
POTENTIAL IMPACT ON US-FRG ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, CONGRESS CONCLUDE
THAT FRG HAS COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE THROUGH LESS-
EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS
AND ENFORCEMENT.

2. FRG OFFICIALS INVITED EMBASSY'S S&T COUNSELOR TO
COME TO MININT FOR DISCUSSION OF REPORT. THEY

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EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US COURTESY IN PERMITTING

THEM TO REVIEW DRAFT. THEY WERE PLEASED TO HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEIR PROGRAM THROUGH US EYES.
HOWEVER, IN THEIR VIEW, REPORT IS UNFAIRLY NEGATIVE
IN TONE AND OUT-DATED. FRG REPS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
REPORT WAS BASED ON GERMAN SOURCES BUT EXPLAINED THAT
THESE OLD 1970-72 DOCUMENTS WERE THEMSELVES BIASED TO
SHOW GERMAN ENVIRONMENT IN WORST LIGHT AS A STIMULUS
FOR URGENT ACTION TO IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAM.

3. MININTEPERTS
PRESENTED EMBOFF WITH REVISIONS AND NEW
GERMAN-LANGUAGE SOURCE MATERIALS. EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO DIGEST FRG POSITION AND DRAFT AMENDMENTS
TO REF C TEXT. WE REGRET, HOWEVER,
IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS
PRIOR TO MARCH 24 DEADLINE ASSIGNED IN REF C.
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